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## The Nature Conservancy's Migratory Bird Program

Nearly half the world's 10,000 bird species depend on the forests, wetlands and grasslands of the Americas — from Canada to Argentina. But habitat loss is threatening their ability to survive.

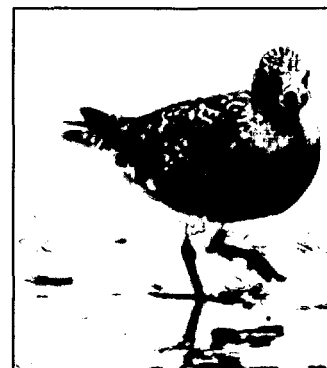
Bird conservation means protecting the places where birds nest and raise their young, spend their winters, and rest and rejuvenate during migration. The health of bird populations also reflects the health of our ecosystems. The mission of The Nature Conservancy's [Migratory Bird Program](#) is to protect critical habitats for birds of conservation concern throughout the Western Hemisphere.

### DAVID SIBLEY AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY



[View illustrations](#) of eight threatened North American birds by famous birder, author and artist David Allen Sibley, author of the best-selling *Sibley Guide to Birds*.

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## About the Program

The Nature Conservancy's Migratory Bird Program helps ensure that protection efforts appropriately address the special habitat needs of wide-ranging and migratory birds. Conservation ornithologists and planners from the Conservancy identify networks of habitats needed by bird species throughout North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, then design plans and implement strategies to conserve them at the local level.

Through the Migratory Bird Program's projects, remarkable progress is being made to:

- conserve the grassland birds of North America's western Great Plains,
- identify and protect a network of sites to assure high-quality stopover habitats across Mexico, and
- identify priority habitats in Latin America for more than 1,200 bird species in need of protection



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Species management abstracts for more than 130 birds of conservation and management are available on [ConserveOnline](#), a public library of conservation tools, techniques and research. These abstracts are concise descriptions of the natural history, management requirements and research needs of selected species of birds. They are developed with and funded by a variety of organizations and institutions, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Canon U.S.A., Inc; and maintained by the IV Program and Association for Biodiversity Information's central zoology staff.

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